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**Public Safety and Emergency Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

ITEM No 9

Subject Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$250 000 in grant funds from the State of Texas Governor's Division of Emergency Management Homeland Security Grant Program and amending the Fiscal Year 2006 07 Public Safety and Emergency Management Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No 20060911 001 to appropriate \$250 000 for a total grant amount of \$1 993 870 for the enhancement of local first response capabilities for terrorist incidents

Amount and Source of Funding Funding in the amount of \$1 993 870 is available from the State of Texas Governor's Division of Emergency Management

Fiscal Note A fiscal note is attached

**Additional Backup
Material**

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☐ fiscal note

For More Information Otis Latin Director Homeland Security and Emergency Management (974 0461) or Lindy McGinnis Sr Emergency Plans Officer Homeland Security and Emergency Management (974 0465)

This request is to accept funds for the purchase of equipment and/or training costing approximately \$250 000 from the Office of Grants and Training U S Department of Homeland Security Homeland Security Grant Program These funds are in addition to \$1 784 000 that were approved as part of the FY 2006 07 Operating Budget

Of the additional \$250 000 \$240 000 will help fund a Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) the goal of which is to provide the Austin Police Department with enhanced capabilities for detecting deterring disrupting and preventing acts of terrorism It will also help fund a State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) to be used for homeland security and emergency operations planning activities and to purchase equipment to assist the Fire Emergency Medical Services Police Emergency Management Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department and other appropriate City of Austin departments should they be called upon to respond to a terrorist incident

An additional \$10 000 will continue funding the Metro Medical Response System Program (MMRS) The MMRS program focuses on integrating local health and medical assets including hospitals public health and EMS into a comprehensive capability for managing terrorist or conventional incidents that generate large numbers of casualties

The equipment to be purchased will be specified by the City of Austin There is no match required by the City of Austin